Big Labor Problem

looked for shortly for locomotives

BIG LABOR SHIFT

Men Left Idle.

Special Despatch to THE SCH.

they held in the war work programme.

to far the numbers are not large,

CHICAGO EXPECTS

GENERAL RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS BEFORE SPRING APPEARS UNLIKELY

U.S. FAILS TO STOP **BIG WAR CONTRACTS**

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and was about 40 per cent. completed. Hes are started. near Cincinnati.

tract was cancelled just after the emwhich this company is building.

MacArthur Bros. Company has been ackened on orders from Washington. of the contract is not cancelled taif of the 6,000 employees are being aid off gradually and are finding other

There is no hint of cessation in conection with the \$35,000,000 army base nd the \$7,000,000 naval base which he Turner Construction Company is ilding for the Government in South Brooklyn. The army base was to be finished January 1 and the naval base about three-quarters done. On Thursday several thousand workers went on strike at the army base because no overtime, with its "pay and a half," was allowed under the new Government order. So here is a curious case in which men are striking, not for a shorter day but for a longer

Gompers Asked to Investigate.

Other strikes in the building trades have little direct relation to the end of the war, but are based, union men say, on the "necessity of upholding labor standards in New York city." The arpenters want a continuance of \$6.50 a day.

iness Agent Robert P. Brindel of the Dock Builders Union said yesrday that he "was preparing" to call out 6,500 ship carpenters at the Staten sland shipyards to-day. He said the trike now affected the piers of the Standard Oil Company at Bayonne, the New York Central Railroad at Weehawken and the Port Newark Termi-

Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated Union, was instructed to telegraph Samuel Gompers for an investigation of "the general building strike movement in this city."

The E. W. Bliss Company still has is normal number of 3,000 workers making shells and torpedoes and exects to continue this work even after eace is signed. The Morse Dry Dock company is still building ships and converting merchant vessels into transports at its South Brooklyn yards. It has had the straight eight hour lay since November 12 on Government work, but is working overtime on private contracts and expects no

The Shewan Dry Dock and Repair Company, South Brooklyn, has 2,000 war contracts, and has not as many workers as ever are building nine layers and sweepers.

In Queens, where a great deal of ar work was concentrated, new work as been practically abandoned and f the armistice. raiting to learn from the United tates authorities what is to be done out the unfinished part of contracts. lost firms are convinced that the unmished part of their contracts will be ncelled and therefore they are planhe for future operations along com-

seeks. Very little employing is being lone in Queens. At the office of the nited States Employment Service in ong Island City the orders for help rom the local establishments have creatly diminished as a temporary ensequence of the prevailing uncer-

6,500 Out at Gas Defence Plant.

Up to noon yesterday 6,500 men and men out of 12,000 employed at the as Defence plant had been let out. ut of more than 6,000 who had been hared by Friday 1,418 gof work before tey left the plant from the agencies at to work by the management; 545 -fused jobs that had been offered and 100 refused any assistance in securof future employment. Of this latr number about 30 per cent., according to the management, were omen who had gone to work from eek other employment. A large porentage of the others have gone back

efore the signing of the armistice being finished, and as fast as any epartment ends its work it is closed, of December.

The Wright-Martin plant has laid right shift and is operating upon an sht hour basis. Some of the men Government that some of the surplus from the night shift have been taken into the day shift to make up for the and made into garments for refugee thortage created by the reduction of use in the reclaimed countries."

the hours of employment. The Victor R. Browning plant at College Point, which was making haval gun mounts, has closed down its light force. The Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company has turned its force that was imployed on war orders to its regular mmercial business and as a result has discharged none. The L. W. F. Lingineering Company at College Point, which was making airplanes and raplanes, has discharged about 800

mployees and ended its night shift. At the United States Employment Service it was said that one of the efficulties encountered by the young facturers with war contracts are women who are being thrown out of ing a perceptible slump now. work is that under war conditions, and tracts have not been cancelled, but tarticularly in the Gas Defence plant, many will be. The knitting industry they were receiving \$16 and \$18 a week | reports itself hard hit by the prospe and now \$9 to \$12 is offered to them, of cancellation, as winter goods for All these women subscribed for Lib-civilians are already made up and it erty bonds in one or more of the drives is too early for next year's orders and they have the payments to make, to come in.

With the continued high cost of liv- Rubber manufacturers, including

ing and the payments to the Gov- tire makers, in the New York district ernment they say they can't get along expect a 5 per cent, increase in busion the smaller wage. Another interesting development is that many them. The brass foundries have not

managers of the big industrial plants will need 12,000 in the next two the plant in Jersey, where Henry Ford ployment from now on until condi- sons driven from war industry.

The same company has stopped work R. E. Gillmor, general manager for sunfe the old business and will need on a \$20,000,000 Government nitrate the Sperry Gyroscope Company, which to double their forces of employees makes apparatus for the army and within the next three months.

| contracts hastily, so as to make possi- least

would not drop.

Robert Gair Optimistic.

pany, paper goods manufacturers em- of this city. ploying 3,000 hands, thought that "the slight depression felt now will disap-pear with the advent of the new year." He believed that urgent need of our products in Europe would demand America's fullest attention and that business would quickly absorb the returning soldiers and be much the better for such vigorous blood.

The C. Kenyon Company, makers of 1,500,000 gas masks and thousands of out several hundred employees because of termination of war contracts. Harry Kenyon said he thinks, however, that they will be taken back after several nonths of reorganization. He said the return of the army would be so gradual as to have slight effect on the labor situation.

Speed Up, In Edison's Advice.

Over in Orange, N. J., Thomas A.

his employees: 'I expect to be mustered out of On the whole there is a general feel attempt to answer that question.

tem which is capable of meeting practically any situation that can Brise. and we do not need to fear difficulties from that quarter. Our farmers have munition workers and ship builders in harvested an enormous crop, and the Newark From 1915 to 1918. Fully assurance of good prices, together one-third of these were attracted by with more plentiful labor, makes certain a heavy planting next year.

"The only thing needed to insure a year of great prosperity is a deter- fully one-third of this increased popu-mination on the part of every business lation is preparing to return to the nan, big and little, to go ahead with trade they pursued before the war. absolute confidence in the future.

"The business men of this country nust see to it that employment is provided for our war workers and returnound it necessary to drop any of likewise. We have shown our service them. At the Tebo Yacht Basin just stars and worn our Liberty Loan buttons with pride. Let us take equal its contract with the Government to pride in doing our share to make em- build ten wooden ships and has comployment for the men who have pleted its work, has closed its plant. worked and fought to win the war.

inish the material that was in process men of this country can do more than ing on the grounds adjoining for as-The owners are dustry turning at full speed. The sembling and distributing, and there salesman had to take a back seat dur- have been rumors that it will be exing the war, but his time has now come. Give him a chance."

Uniform Making Here Halts.

In Manhattan the clothing trade has felt the hand of peace. Government As a result of this situation about were received by all makers of unitowns on Monday, and in some shops ost their jobs within the past two were reenforced by officers from the Quartermaster's Department, who percloth that had been cut is being made gets busy on civilian contracts the closing of the cutting departments will body will have ample opportunity to look for other work.

Seven hundred men employed at the kindred occupations.

cindred occupations. "The Government order," said William Goldman, "produces a peculiar in the last two days, and it was said situation that cannot be fathomed at Haskell last night that by January this time. The expectation in the 1 not more than fifty of the 2,200 trade is that a large surplus of help workers would remain. The plant has

about two weeks. About 300,000.000 pounds of South ernment. American wool is deliverable here next spring and clippings due on the market July 1 will make 200,000,000 pounds more, or 600,000,000 pounds in ing of imitation leather, celluloid and all. Civilian requirements are about patriotic motives and who would not 540,000,000 pounds, so you see there will be a healthy surplus on hand.

England will receive its wool largey from the great Australian surplus. In this plant only the work started The Central Empires are the only countries in Europe greatly in need o wool with no source of supply. Acting on a suggestion that America's is believed that there will be some wool be sold at public auction, the partments at work until the middle Government will have a trial auction of a small amount about December 1. "Enough uniforms and uniforn of about 300 mechanics and has cloth have been manufactured for any almost completely closed down its normal necessity of the Government. Suggestions have been made to the cloth be redyed some other color

Tool Makers Hit by Truce.

According to labor union officers. cancellation of Government orders include stoppage of work on 240,000 army overcoats and 75,000 mackinaws for aviators. The strike of the Amaigamated Clothing Workers of America for an eight hour day started October 28, two weeks before the ar mistice was signed.

The New York Merchants Association, through its industrial bureau, is receiving reports from many manu-The machine tool manufacturers. facturers with war contracts are hav-

now desire to continue in employment. manufacture will boom. This industry The ket. the plant in Jersey, where the plant in Jersey, which is a plant in Jersey where the plant in Jersey, which is the plant in Jersey, which is the plant in Jersey where th ban removed from silk they will re-

hid for a \$400,000 storage building for knows what the effect of the war will chants Association that they need arose. more help, skilled and unskilled. "Unless we are able to divert our the other hand, manufacturers of jigs, logees struck because overtime had business to other lines, such as the dies and tools used by tool manufac-leen eliminated. No halt has been mercantile marine, we will have to turers with Government contracts called on the Quartermaster depot at reduce our staff gradually. We hope have had their work stopped, and philadelphia or an Ordnance Depart- that the Government departments will many of their skilled employees have ment building near Raritan, N. J., proceed with caution and not cancel been dismissed, for the time being at

Structural work for the Ordnance ble the reconstruction of business." - Retention of "the high standard of pepartment that is being done by the Mr. Gillmor said, he thought wages established during the war" - Retention of "the high standard of was voted on Wednesday night at the Hotel McAlpin by the Paper Box Credit Protective Association, repre-Robert Gair of the Robert Gair Comsenting the paper box manufacturers

NORTHERN JERSEY STILL NEEDS MEN

Newark District's Employers Expect Prosperity.

raincoats for the Government, has let adjusting peace time industries with Pierce-Arrow Company. labor now employed in the war plants in that district. They do not expect any serious difficulty in effecting the change. This is because of the great diversity of industries in the district, where 275 distinct lines of goods are manufactured.

hortage of labor in practically all of the pre-war factories and shops in the northern section of New Jersey. Many Edison sent this optimistic letter to of these plants are said to be with only 50 per cent, of their help.

Uncle Sam's service before long, and ing of optimism among the manufacit will seem mighty good to be back turers, who have been looking ahead on the old peace job again. What for the close of the war and have does the first year of peace have in been arranging their plants for after store for us? I have been asked to war business.

The general impression seems to be "There are those who fear a busi-ess depression. The surest way to wages until next season's harvest apbring on a depression of business is pears in the markets. It is believed to nurture fears and act hesitatingly that the crops will be cheaper and We now have a national financial sys- with the decrease in the price of these commodities will come the reduction in salaries.

There was an increase of 65,000 war time wages and overtime paid at the various plants. Now with the overtime cut off it is believed that In the Newark district there are 3,500

employed several thousand men on "Every business man should speed equipment and the land will revert to what numbers, tended at the close of the war.

It is believed the Federal Shipbuilding Company's plant and the Port Newark shippard of the Submarine Boat Corporation are permanent institutions. Both are constructing steel ships. The Port Newark yard is one of the largest in the country, having

twenty-eight ways. The International Arms and Fuse Company in Bloomfield, manufactursonally went to the cutting rooms. All ers of shells, will continue business for three months. The company employs 6.500 men. What will become

Haskell, N. J., works of the du Pont Powder Company have been laid off will be thrown upon the market in been making smokeless powder for men throughout the Pittsburg district, about two weeks. "The Government owns all the wool, high explosives for the Italian Gov- ern Ohio and West Virginia, who were

It is understood that within four or five months the plant will be turned into a factory for the maksuch other products as belong to the same general chemical family. The cap and fuse plant of the du Ponts at Pompton Lake, where 4,000 are employed, is still proceeding under full headway.

NO SURPLUS LABOR IN PHILADELPHIA

Special Despatch to Tun Sen. PHILADELPHA, Nov. 24.—Officials of he United States Employment Service here, which is playing one of the largest parts in the proposed reconstruction programme along the lines which the name of the organization indicates. said the present situation stood as fol-

The absorption of labor from war industries to peace had been gradual and that there had been no unrest,

nor was any anticipated. There is no surplus of labor, and the demand by the necessities of peace fime production was still greater than the supply.

Plenty of work is in sight for some time to come, and the women who have been employed in war industries were being sent back to peace time industries speedily and with complete success.

There had been no complete shutdowns as a result of the armistice. and that the cessation of war work had not become a disorganizing factor in the labor situation.

Skilled and unskilled labor were in great demand, and there would be

plenty of opportunities open for these forms of labor for some time to come. In connection with these matters. the officials said, the greatest change

women who were brought into the depended on Government work and in the conditions among war workers industrial field under the stress of war expect no immediate change. Jewelry was that the night work was elimia very uncertain quantity. The prevailing opinion among the needs 4,000 skilled workers now and greater part of the night workers had nated in many instances, but that the throughout the Queens district is that months. Silk making, also stopped by there will be few openings for em-

| care of any layoffs, and that inspectors and agents of the employment service were in touch with the various indussnare & Triest had the foundation navy, after remarking that "nobody Cutlery makers report to the Merrate coal miner. shift all industries to peace produc-

BUFFALO READY FOR PEACE.

Labor Situation Unchanged, Wages at High Level.

Special Desputch to Tun Sun. BUFFALO, Nov. 24.-After the war work plans in Buffalo call for the ex- into consideration the part American penditure of \$20,000,000 for municipal industry will play in rebuilding devasimprovement and a comprehensive tated Europe programme is before the Council. Building of all kinds has been at a standstill since the United States entered the war and when the money is available and labor and material of tainable the big contracting companies expect to have their hands full. Power projects and transportation develop

ents planned before the war may provide employment for many men.

With the exception of the Curtiss Airplane and Motor Corporation no a war to a peace basis up to the pres-large employer of skilled labor is lay- ent time has caused no important been a reduction among the forces of ern Indiana. unskilled men, largely foreigners who Gid manual labor. The Lackawanna is to the effect that except for a few his ness as usual."

Steel Company and American Car and instances no large bodies of men have Foundry Company, with the Pierce-Arrow plant, seem furthest advanced

with their peace basis plans.

Wages for unskilled labor have Claims are made that there is a dropped but there has been no notable pany which, it was said, had discortage of labor in practically all of cut in the scale for skilled men and charged between 2,000 and 3,000 men will not be immediately. There is no without notice Mark L. Crawford, diorganized effort here to care for dis

FEW WORKERS IDLE IN NEW ENGLAND

Other Industries Absorb War Plant Employees.

Special Despatch to Tan Sex. Boston, Nov. 24.-Up to date the market with men formerly engaged in war work seeking new jobs have has been no general shifting by the proyed baseless. This is true also of plants from war work to peace work. the fear of a general wage reduction. Everett W. Lord, State director of place in the next week or ten days. the Federal Employment Bureau, says: "There is so large a demand for labor not likely to be any wide unemployin this State at the present moment | ment in this district as a result of the that there is no danger of labor

Here and there a thousand or more sequent demoralization of industry. A manufacturing concerns, 1,500 of where 1,000 workers on gas masks big employers of labor, has the State adopted for the entire country. In the greater, tabulated so that he can tell at a case of Chicago he proposes that the

> England with notably good results. At intendent Wakeman that orders in hand would keep both plants running to capacity for a year and possibly two. At the big Watertown arsenal there has been little change save in cutting down on evertime work. The same is true at the Boston Navy Yard, where Sunday work has been stopped and overtime limited to twelve hours a

PITTSBURG DISTRICT HAS NO IDLE MEN

Industrial Chiefs Eager Continue High Wages.

engaged on war work in the big steel and other industries, trust and independent, not one has been dropped practically all their output to war from employment, and there has been products and are not able to make the of the chief industries in the district declared to-day.

Industrial chieftains apparently ere as anxious to maintain the present level of wages as the employees, for this continuance would spell continued high production in the industries.

Small Percentage Affected.

Only a small percentage of the men Plenty of Work for Some date by the curtallments, and all plants report they are heavily stocked up with long delayed domestic orders, de- ST. LOUIS PLANTS mands to refill depleted warehouses and the like. Salesmen are taking the road again, and the immediate prospect is that the steel and ailled industries, glass, the railroad equipment dustries and manufacturers will presently be swamped with business meet domestic and export demand. While overtime has been eliminated lately the larger plants are still on

both those who were in the industries the soldiers a shortage of labor is one of these.

homes and drew them to "the land of positions.

The city government will submit ous question among industrial men bond issue of \$18,000,000 to the voters

whether immigration from these next April which, if ratified, will pro- pleted. The present skilled and un- probably between 75,000 and 160,000 classes is not going to be greatly cur-vide plenty of work in St. Louis for skilled labor shortage is about 11,000, and thus far there has been no defirst proving a failure and the second

Whatever they may prove as citi- which is expected to follow the lifting zens of self-governing nations the of the Government ban on building. Orient. Czecho-Slovak and Pole proved a good Two huge munition plants, in course In ad steel mill laborer and made a first of erection, the Laclede Gas Light Company's and the Scullin Steel Com-Plans are already being drawn to pany's, are expected to be carried

tion gradually, and there is optimism on all sides regarding the future DETROIT FORESEES Great building and other public projects are expected to be presently **ERA OF PROSPERITY** launched, big railroad demand is

Expects to Shift to Peace cars and other equipment, these in this country alone, and not taking Work Easily.

> DETROIT, Nov. 24.-No city in this country is possessed of more after war opportunities than Detroit. It is a manufacturing centre and its products are so diversified it is even now ready for world trade.

Doubts There Will Be Many CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The change from are that they will continue in other industries when the war programme Manufacturers in and around New- ing off men in batches. Some are re- changes in the situation in the Chi- is unissed, for there will be pionty of ark look forward with confidence to cruiting efficient help, notably the cago industrial district, which includes of returning soldiers in the city's There has some of the towns like Gary, in north- great Industrial plants. Since the Information obtainable here to-day armistice was signed much has been than to give the city a chance to obsist to the effect that except for a few done in the way of getting back to tain labor released from war plants

> been released from positions which! enlarged for war work, will only the necessary material to The exceptions include the case of them running night and day in an endeavor to fill orders for cars that charged between 2,000 and 3,000 men were booked when the curtailment of ders amounted to approximately 130, rector of the United States employ-

The leading manufacturers are fig other plants are discharging men but uring on a normal production not be fore the 1st of June. Before that time The immediate future, however, acording to Mr. Crawford, will see material for about 1.500,000 cars must many more men separated from their be secured, or at least be in sight-positions. In a total of about 10,000 The consensus among these producers ndustrial plants in this district fully is that the Government is taking due 6,500, it is estimated, have been en precaution in curtailment of war orgaged in war work, either directly unders so as to do no injustice to mann- affected Oregon industries other than been assured of sugar refining and der contract with the Government or facturers or employees, and that the lumber very little. The lumber induscotton seed crushing machinery work try has been hit so hard that it will on a farce scale as soon as contracts. apprehensions of those who feared fully 60 per cent. of the total working ernment will release steel with which not recover quickly. With the closing in hard four the Government are cessation of war would flood the labor population in the Chicago district has to make cars which was to have been down of Government logging camps cancelled. Semi-steel shell, used been engaged in these plants. There used for guns, ships and armor plate, where thousands of soldiers had been mainly in practice by the navy, still basis at the earliest possible moment, work stopped sundenly. but it is said that such shifts will take and if the Government continues its

trouble. sudden cessation of the war. Agencies troubles for a long time to come, if already are at work to prevent a whole- at all."

Sudden cessation of the war. Agent works of any. The already are at work to prevent a whole- plants in Detroit engaged wholly or which may be cited as part of the plants for Unemployed. Here and there a thousand or more sequent demoralization of industry. A in part in war work ran well over the lumber industry, also has been hit hands are laid off, as in Framingham, concerted plan for taking care of the 500 mark, employing about 240,000 hard, thousands having been released which were working largely of partly on war orders. Of the 150,000 persons employed in industries in the solution which were entered and the solution of Defence in accord. Wages in Detroit are equal to, if not have been taken on by one or two

The Foundation Company, which guidely placed in new berths. Mr. Merrick has gone to Washington believe that this city is facing an era had the question of employment for incorate the men control of industrial prosperity—not less than the men constel by peace become that three new placed in new berths. Mr. to lay this plan before the War De-Lord, working in cooperation with the partment in the hope that it may be it had during the war and probably Gov. Withycombe called a conference well order affects about 18,000, alglance where men are needed, where eighty-six district draft boards shall SEATTLE TO THRIVE they are likely to be let out and in be permitted to remain in existence

> So far there has been no general rethe big Fore River and Squantum duction of wages in the Chicago indusshippullding plants operated by the trial district. Mr. Chawford has an Bethlehem Shippullding Corporation, payment a conference to be held nex nounced a conference to be held next t was stated to-day by teeneral Super- Tuesday in Chicago to deal with the problem of employment and the ab scrption into industry of men now at work in munition plants, together with those who will return from the army.

INDIANA PLANS UNSETTLED. Conference Called to Consider

Trade Readjustments. Special Despatch to Twn Sch. INDANAPOLIS, Nov. 24.-Industries in

Indiana with the coming of peace are expected to expand, sithough curtailnt in many lines of actual war work has started. A reconstruction conference of leaders of thought in every line has been called for Tuesday, and Special Disputch to The Sex.

In this conference it is expected that some plan for the organization of the Pittisbung, Nov. 23.—Of a half million State to handle its reconstruction nen throughout the Pittsburg district. problems to best advantage will be deeloped

Some shutdowns of factories at least temporarily are expected, but in all such cases the factories have devoted products and are not able to make the no downward revision of wages, heads transition from war to peace basis

No organized plan has yet been attempted to meet new conditions, and care for discharged men other than the calling of the reconstruction conference. Many war building projects have been abandoned. Practically no readjustment in wages is evident yet. and many employers will not attempt to cut because of the apparently optimistic outlook for demand for prodengaged on war contracts, superintimistic cutlook for demand for pred-tendents declare, have been affected to jucts in many lines in which shortages now exist.

STILL SEEK MEN Brewery Workers Hit Hard by Beer Ban.

Special Despatch to Tun Stv.

Sr. Louis, Nov. 24.-One hundred St. Louis manufacturers employing apcontinuous operation basis.

There will be room in industry in been engaged in munition and war proximately 26,000 workers who have this section for all returning soldiers, work exclusively for the past year have received no important cancellaefore and those who can be induced tions to date and are still advertising to go in upon being mustered out of for men. The St. Louis Car Company, the army; in fact, even with return of which is building airplane parts, is The Chamber of Commerce at a

This district for years drew on meeting this week instructed its in-outhern Europe and the Balkans for dustrial department to get in touch what proved an inexhaustible labor with employers and employees and essupply. At the outbreak of the Eu- tablish a labor clearing house for the opean war this labor supply was local industrial commun'y. Employchecked, and now, with republics ers have been asked to forward names blooming forth in the different coun-of workers who will be let out and tries and the old repressive measures workers are asked to register, so that which drove men from their native no time will be lost in placing them in

tailed if not practically stopped. Dur- years. Most of the \$18,000,000 is to In spite of this encouraging situaing the war Mexicans and negroes be spent for sewers, new streets, parks tion Seattle is setting its house in have been tried in the breach, the and hospital buildings.

Order for the future. This is being In the explosives plants about San first proving a failure and the second The curtailment of war work will done in three different ways. It is ennot affect industrial St. Louis to any deavoring to establish new industries. In the number of employees, but it is great extent. There are forty or fifty chief among these is a huge steel calculated that this will not affect shoe plants here and no cancellation plant, plans for which were held up more than 1,000, men, mostly un-What is worrying the heads of in- of shoe orders is expected. Fifteen when the United States entered the skilled laborers, who will find ready dustries now is whether American brick manufacturers employing 5.000 war. It also seeks the opening of inyoung men cannot be induced to take workers met the other day and reesthis labor work heretofore left to the
tablished a cooperative organization to
take care of the increased business. The port now is reaching out for the
Only one war project was abandoned immense trade in Siberia and the as an outcome of the armistice

through to completion.

Special Despatch to THE SES.

Detroit's population was increased largely. More than 40,000 laborers that came to the great munition plants effect. are still "on the job," and indications is finished, for there will be plenty of war centracts of any kind, conse-

mammoth automobille factories

ment service here, says that some 000 cars.

As yet there have been no shut- down.

Shipbuilding and Foreign

Trade Boom Steadily. Special Despatch to Tue Sex. SEATTLE, Nov. 24.—Peace has apparently given to Seattle an even greater industrial impetus. Few if any industries have shut down! This is because

eattle's principal work is shipbuild-

Managers of twenty-three ship vards declare that while the war alost overnight made this one of the greatest steel shipbuilding centres in the world, the demand for tonnage from local plants will continue indefinitely. They say they have a sufflorent number of United States Government contracts to keep them busy until 1920 and that private interests

In addition the State of Washington which was designed by the Governplans to inaugurate a system of coop- ment for the construction of wooden acres of what now is waste ground. Re- been expended on the enterprise when home at a reasonable figure and pay thousand men were thrown out of emfor it on the instalment plan.

their services. KANSAS CITY CAN'T

Be Resumed.

Special Despatch to THE SUN KANSAS CITY, Nov. 24.-Removal of he Government ban on the use of building materials was the signal here During the nineteen months of war, for resumption of vast building oper- and overtime work in the steel mills. ations which were under way or foundries and machine shops has been planned when the ban was placed in abandoned and changes made in ma-

Labor is very scarce in Kansas City, vomen filling many places formerly the industrial section of Alabama since held by men. This city has had few quently the cancellation of orders broughout the country will have lit le effect on the situation here other elsewhere.

No shutdowns have occurred in any of the factory industries; in fact, the the factory district are unable to obtain labor needed for expansion of facilities and trade.

LUMBER INDUSTRY IN OREGON HARD HIT millions are being spent are being

fected District Little.

Special Despatch to Tun Sux. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24 .- Peace has Detroit factories will return to peace stationed getting out airplane stock being produced here, but the contracts

Col. Brice P. Disque says the Govpolicy of gradually tapering off the ernment already has between 70,000. Mr. Crawford said to-night there is war work the manufacturers will 000 and \$0,000,000 feet of out, unused RICHMOND HAS BIG make the change with but little if any spruce lumber, which is to be sold as soon as possible. Many mills have shut

in the Oregon capital this week. mmense acreage in the Willamett

SAN FRANCISCO IS AS BUSY AS EVER War's Stoppage Has Had Little Effect There.

Special Despatch to The Sex. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24 .- The effect eace may have on the industries of tent as yet.

district was shipbuilding, and there is night that the Virginia problem was no 'relication that this will experience acute because of the large number of in this country, France and England, any great immediate change as the released from munition plants and big stand ready to give them large orders result of the war's end. The number construction Jobs under way in the when Uncle Sam's business is com-

flection from their ranks into peace industries

In the explosives plants about San Liberty shipyards at Oakland harbor, erative land settlement on 5,500,000 ships. More than a million dollars had turning soldiers, if this goes through, Washington ordered work stopped will be able to acquire a splendid farm and the project abandoned. Several ployment, but other shipbuilding en-

GET ENOUGH MEN BIRMINGHAM SURE Big Building Programme to PROSPERITY IS AHEAD

terprises offered a ready opening for

Change to Peace Basis Is Being Made Rapidly.

Special Despatch to THE SUR. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 24,-Sunday chinery to take up peace time work has been the only move so far in

The Gulf States Steel Company announced that wire red and nails for domestic consumption are now being produced instead of the war barbed wire with but little changing of machinery and no loss of time. Cancellations of pig iron contracts have been very few so far but manufacturers have made preparations to take on packing houses and other plants in other business. Cast iron pipe, radiators, senttary pipe and fittings and stove making industries are preparing to resume operations.

With no definite war project in the Birmingham district, the shipbuilding steel fabricating plants on which rushed to completion. Labor from Peace Otherwise Has Af. Porto Rico will be scattered through he distirct, there being need for help on the eight hour day plans with hree shifts instead of overtime and

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nect uncement to-day that the Hopewell cember 10 members of the community labor boards began active preparations though many of them were released As a result plans were made by the several days ago. The latter are now and settlement commission to interest, being invited to Join the marine serthe Government in a gigantic nation- vice, the Government sending a train-ON PEACE BASIS wide use of the returning soldiers in ang ship to Hopewell with a complete the subdivision and development of crew to demonstrate to the men the

out by the Shipping Board. The Seven Pines Bagging plant, established here several months ago, is now practically closed with the exceptated that some 2,000 employees were The Foundation Company high had a contract for building the 4,000 workers when the contract was concelled. At Camp Lee, near here, all ortracts except the one for the base

hospital, have been cancelled. Carl D. Smith, national field agent of the San Francisco district has not the United States Labor Departmen made itself manifest to any great ex- is here now working with the com The greatest war industry of the of the unemployed. Smith said to-



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